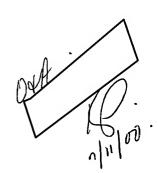
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To: London Attn:	Legat		
From: London Contact:			ь6 ь7с
Approved By:  Drafted By:			
Case ID #:			b3 b7E
Title: UNSUB(s);  JILL DANDO - VICTIM;	<b>□</b> · ·		5,1
Synopsis: To request new file be opene	ed at London		
Details: Legat London has been request investigation of the 1999 murder of Bri DANDO.			b7D
in	obtaining		
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U.S. Department of Justice
United States Attorney
Northern District of California
280 South First Street, Room 371
San Jose, CA 95113
Telephone Number: 408/535-5061
Fax Number: 408/535-5066



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Fax:011-44-207-8	199-1944	Phone:	
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(408) 535-5061 FAX: (408) 535-5066

July 10, 2000

Assistant Legal Attache Federal Bureau of Investigation London, England Via telefax: 011-44-207-408-8078

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Re:	b7C
	b7D
Dear Mr.	OTHER Sealed
I am the Assistant United States Attorney assig	ned to the MLAT (Mutual Legal Treaty)
	reviewed various materials in the case and
	for further
am writing to request that you contact	
clarification of certain matters in order to process this	MLAT request.
I need more detailed information to better link	the homicide to
which I will eventually submit.	
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Please call me at f you have a	ny questions. My fax number is (408)-535-
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I am very grateful for your assistance and look forward to helping out in whatever way I can.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT S. MUELLER, III United States Attorney

Assistant United States Attorney

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United States Embassy London, England Telephone #: 020-7408-8078

Fax #: 020-7499-7944

То:	Date: 11 July 2000	ь6 ь7с ь7р
Fax #: Voice #:	Pages: 2, including this cover	er sheet.
From:	ALAT Office of the Legal Attache - FBI	
Subject:	Mutual Legal Assistant Treaty Request -	b3 b6
	OUR REFERENCE: SUBJECT	b7C b7E OTHER Sealed
Comments (OIA), Crin evening co	minal Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.	late last
proper fede	eral judicial district serving the San Jose area in California (Northern Dist	
been assign 535-5066), of to obtain	, advised that based on his experience with the Judges he will have to app	ear in front to answer
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I am advised that if we are able to get responses back to A	AUSA this week,	<b>b</b> 6
he will be able to process early next week. The ball is back in your park		b7C
responses and I will forward to AUSA		
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Assistant Legal Att	acne	
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will send a matter dire offices ser	who will have responses back to copy of this fax to OIA Attorney ctly with you. In the meantime, if please lain, thanks so much for your help. It will be in touch with more of these.	you would li et me know.	nesday; and I will pass of the knows that we are keen to contact an FBI I can be reached at	on to you. I pursing this
cc: Atty. FAX:	OIA 001-514-0080	Assista	ant Legal Attache - Lond	don
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From:	ALAT Office of the Legal Attache - FBI			
Subject:	MLAT REQUEST -	LONI	OON - RESPONSE TO QUERY	b3 b6
	OUR REFERENCE JILL DAN	CE: - SUBJ DO - VICTI	•	b7С b7D b7E
Comment queries to	s: following receipt of your 1 flush out additional details re the MI I forwarded then	LAT request t	fax in which you posed several	
	I forwarded the			.*•
	responds tached is responds remain that you contact		July 2000. May I respectfully directly at:	
	OFFICE: FAX:			
would see requests, a please adv District of	exigency of the MLAT request and m more efficient with your direct count coordinate the rise when you think you would be real California to meet with you. I advis July 24 - Aug 4.	ntact. To ens		
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Question: Would it assist you if I contacted an FB. Or, do you have an agent that you work with regula feedback from you in this regard would be helpful.	arly that you could call on to assist? Any	
Thank you very much for your handling thi	is matter.	
	Sincerely,	
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cc: Atty OIA FAX: 001-202-514-0080	Assistant Legal Attache - London	
For:	Legal Attache	
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9-011-44-20-7499-7944 Date: 7-13-00	Phone: / including cover	
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Re:		
COMMENTS:	July 13, 2000	
Dear		ь6 b7
paperwork and have it ready to present to a distance I would do it tomorrow but I will be out of the 20 and 21 on planned annual leave at Yosemite.  I don't expect that I will have a problem expect that the judge will appoint me as a Commente materials requested next Monday or Tuesda execute it under U.S. federal law which I prefer me to assist in the	n processing the paperwork here at this point an amissioner and will sign a ay. Once is signed, we have 10 day or to comply with. July 24 and 25 are good days are those good days for at the FBI agent is who is on duty assignment for the grateful if I knew in advance which FBI agent the	Seal
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Fax #: 020-7499-7944

То:		Date:	19 July 2000		ь6 ь7С ь7D
Fax #: Voice #: From:	ALAT Office of the Legal Attache - FBI	Pages:	2, including this cover sheet.		
Subject:	Mutual Legal Assistant Treaty Rec		ECT	OTHER	Sealed
Comment	ts: this will follow our fax dat	ted 11 July 20	00, and subsequent telephone call.		
Th Monday, J	on this matter. will	ed and hosted ency, an office	by FBI Special Agent		Sealed

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can be reached at telephone telephone number. He advised this afternoon that halready. Please take into account the 8-hour time distribution will insure that you are flying into the propesor whether you require lodging accommodations for your order to	lifference when you attempt to reach him airport. In addition, please confirm with	th him otels	
A visa is required for your travel. Please coapplication with authorization Letter from visa processing.  LENGTH OF TRIP	onfirm at your earliest when your visa will be provided to this office f	or b3 b6 b7C b7D	
locations. I suspect you may be able to accomplish scenario, depart on Sunday, arrive late Sunday eve	ning.  on Wednesday and arrive back to London vays go as planned, you may want to con ctive of my suggestion, please confirm w	n on sider	Sealed
If you have questions, please advise immed have your visa, you have made flight arrangements accommodations, etc. We would appreciate a bit of your trip and if you believe our office in Califor all went as planned.	s and confirmed withyour arrival, of feedback when you return as to the suc	ccess	
For:	Legal Attache		

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From: London Contact: 011-	44-207-408-8078
Approved By:	
Drafted By: epg	<b>b</b> 3
Case ID #: (Pending) 7	ь6 ь7С
Title: MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATY REQ UNSUB(S).	D7D DEST; b7E OTHER Sealed
aka JILL DANDO - VICTIM; MURDER	·
Synopsis: To request San Jose assistance	of murder
investigation, and to advise of travel by San Jose.	to
Administrative: Victim Jill Dando, a prompersonality and newscaster, was murdered individual has been arrested. Legat Londo assist in obtaining	n London in 1999. An
London has coordinated the MLAT r the Office of International A	equest through
the United States Attorneys Office for the California (NDC). London appreciates the San Jose RA.	Northern District of
Details: This will follow telcon 7/19/200 and SA San Jose RA.	
Assistant United States Attorney NDC, 408-535-5061, and ALAT have ha communications in the past several days reinformation needed to	d several
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To: San Francisco From: London 07/19/2000	b3 b6 b7C b7D b7E OTHER	Sealed
On 7/19/2000, SA advised ALAT that has assisting AUSA in this MLAT matter. London appreciate prompt response by SA to obtain as needed.	es the	
According to pertinent UK law, certain information be used as evidence in court must be obtained in person and recorded on certain police forms. It is expected that the information obtained from will be used evidence. Accordingly, will be traveling to San Joarrive on or about Monday July 24, 2000, for this purpose.	d as	]
Final coordination of airline destination, arrival accommodations, and will occur between SA and can be reached at his office at London requests that SA make direct contact will be a solution of airline destination, arrival accommodations, and mail occur between SA and can be reached at his office at make direct contact will be a solution of airline destination, arrival accommodations, and mail occur between SA and can be reached at his office at make direct contact will be a solution of airline destination, arrival accommodations, and can be reached at his office at make direct contact will be a solution of airline destination, arrival accommodations, and can be reached at his office at make direct contact will be a solution of airline destination, arrival accommodations, and can be reached at his office at make direct contact will be a solution of airline destination, arrival accommodations, and can be reached at his office at make direct contact will be a solution of airline destination, arrival accommodations, and can be reached at his office at make direct contact will be a solution of airline destination of airline destination, arrival accommodations, and can be reached at his office at make direct contact will be a solution of airline destination of airline de	ith	
Similarly, the FBI  London appreciates the assistance provided by San Jose and particularly SA Questions concerning this matter state directed to ALAT During non-regular business hours, ALAT can be reached by calling SIOC, FBIHQ, or American Embassy - London,	hould	

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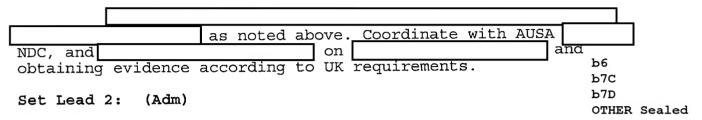
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Will continue to coordinate MLAT request until successful conclusion of this investigation.

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personally provided ALAT		
London, applications for VISAs, and passports, to travel to the US, 7/20/2000	ъз	
Travel is being coordinated by SA San Jose RA, San Francisco Division,	b6	
telephone	b7C	
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By telcon between ALAT and SA 10:45p.m., GMT, 7/20/2000, SA	b7E	Sealed
confirmed he had direct communication with 7/20/20 <u>00 and all</u>	OTHER	Seale
arrangements are being handled direct. Travel will occur Sunday, 7/23/2000.		
with the assistance of SA	_	

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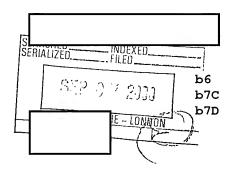
	Federal Bureau of Investigation	
File No.	Office of the Legal Attache - FBI United States Embassy London, England W1A 1AE	b3 b7E
	July 21, 2000	
Bruce J. Gebhardt Special Agent in Charge Federal Bureau of Investigation San Francisco Division 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 13th Floor, San Francisco, 0	CA 94102-9523	
Dear Mr. Gebhardt,		
This is to bring to your attention the profession Special Agent (SA)	nal assistance provided to Legat London by	
By way of background, involved in an intensive and extensive investigation of well known and universally liked television newscaste arrested. An integral aspect of the investigation included it is believed the critical evidence. The	er. A suspect has been identified and OTHER	Seale
To ensure compliance with evidentiary require are traveling to San Jose to meet with SA hat SA s working closely with Londo Attorneys Office (USAO), Northern District of Califor Due to SA unhesitating willingness to assist in this matter, Londo with here to ensure coordination of the same coordi	I am advised by ALAT b6 b7c and the United States b7D oTHER professional approach and on has authorized him to have direct contact	Seale
compliance with English law.		b3 b6 b7C b7E
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It is anticipated that additional requests t			
will be forthcoming from London, all pursuant t	to the Mutual Legal Assista	nce Treaty between	•
the UK and US. It is reassuring to know that we	e can count on your office a	and particularly SA	
to ensure these requests are handled prop	perly		
Please pass our thanks on to SA	Sincerely,  Legal Attache	ь6 ь7с ь7р отні	
	Legal Attache		

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Precedence: ROUTINE	Date: 07/31/2000
To: London Attn:	b6
From: Francisco	
San Jose RA/ <u>VCMO</u> Contact: SA	b3
Contact: SA	b6
Approved By	ь7 ь7
Drafted By: dlsp18	
Case ID #: (Pending)	
Title:	
MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATY	REQUEST;
UNSUB(S), aka	
JILL DANDO - VICTIM;	
MURDER	
Synopsis: Information for London regard set for San Francisco Division. SA	ding the status of lead
sec for sair Francisco Division, SA	
and	departed
San Jose International Airport on July	
United Kingdom on July 30, 2000.	b6
Enclosures: Enclosed for London are cop	pies of b7c
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Details: On. Monday. July 24. 2000. the	
Also, present during	
were London	
and Attached to a communication are copies of	and made a part of this
were reques	ted to provide information
regarding associated with	
processed all evidence pertaining to the	oossession of and e
On. Saturday, July 29, 2000,	and
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to return to the United Kingdom.	



To: London From San Francisco
Re: , 07/31/2000

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While San Francisco considers this lead to be completed, SA will continue to maintain liaison with LEGAT London in the event that further attention is necessary.

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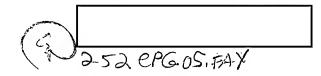
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	s that are to be conta					
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Other wise (	chedinocied by their	own picvious of	ongoing ci	illilliai issues.		
We	were pleased to he	ar that your trave	l to the U.S.	was successful as	nd that agents in our	
	ffice were helpful to					•
	inally, we wish you ember. We will kee		•	ida) and look forwatters require atter	vard to your return in	
carry Nove	ember. We will kee	pauvis	seu ii aliv iii	areis feutine atte		
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	Fax #	: 011-44-2	20-7499-7944	_
To:	McDowell County Sheriff's Office Marion, NC	Date:	September 7, 2000	ь6 ь70
Fax #: Voice #:	001-828-652-8910 001-828-652-4000	Pages:	1, including this cover sheet.	·
From:	ALAT Office of the Legal Attache - FBI			
Subject:	Murder Investigation - London, En	igland		
	nead), 6:00p.m., GMT.		onversation a few moments ago (we	e
-	g an intensive investigation into deter e for the brutal slaying of popular tele	_	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
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marcates ti	was recently contacted by		on the basis of an	n
	rightly advised		hat as she did not know who	
	t his bona fides would have to be ver	_	·	] <sub>b6</sub>
	we assist in this effort as we have ha		-	b7C
learn from	s recent travel to the U.S. as part of to you that had in fact con		•	b7D
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	s is to commit that	,	and is engaged in the ongoing murc	⊿ 1er
investigation	on of Jill Dando. We would be appre			Ϋ́
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aware of a	ny reason(s) direct contact should no			
Du	e to the sensitivity of this investigation	on, we would	d appreciate your department	
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On 09/08/00, ALAT advised SRAs of Hickory	7 RA -
and Ashville RA (spoke to secretary),	about London's
09/08/00 contact with the McDowell County Sheriff's Department, NO	
828-652-4000. The purpose of contact with the Sheriff's Department in McDowell County, 09/07/00. Both SRAs advised that contact with the	
contact with a potential witness	is
acceptable.	
O: 00/00/00 AT AT	929 (52
On 09/08/00, ALAT spoke by telephone with Detective 4000, McDowell County Sheriff's Department, NC.	e 828-652- nat he had received
London's fax dated 09/07/00, that he subsequently spoke to	who agreed to have
or designee contact her di	
home, between 12 noon and 1:00 p.m., her time, Friday advised that confirmed that she	y <u>, 08/09/00.</u>
and would confirm wi	th
	sation with Detective
provided him appropriate telephone numbers and pertinent infasked that he or make contact with the McDowell Contact with t	
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	Embassy of the United States of America
	Office of the Legal Attache Grosvenor Square London, W1A 1AE
File No.	Telephone: 44-207-408-8078 FAX Number: 44-207-499-7944
	May 3, 2001
LRE:	
Dear	ь6 ь70
Recent reports indicate the hear from you as to the result following trial. If t selves in the prosecution, please give me a ring at	
·	Sincerely,
	A reintent T and Attacks
E	Assistant Legal Attache
For:	

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Case ID : Status : ASSIGNED Office : LONDON At : LONDON, ENGLAND Assigned To : Set Date : Deadline Date .	Time :	Serial :: Lead Number Squad ::
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To :		3 May 01	
From :		,	
~ 1.	Office of the Legal Attache		
Subject:	JILL DANDO MURDER INC	<u>JUIRY</u>	
	All matters requested of this o	office by	have been
cleared. The proceeds at t		sused of the murder of newscaster JI	LL DANDO,
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Accordingly, this matter is now closed at London.

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# The bizarre fantasies of the man who killed Jill Dando

**Nick Hopkins** and Steven Morris

A serial fantasist with a previous conviction for attempted rape and a history of stalking women was found guilty yesterday of shooting dead the television presenter Jill Dando on the doorstep of her home in London.

It took an Old Bailey jury almost 32 hours over five days to reach a majority 10-1 verdict on Barry George, a 41-year-old unemployed man who lived less than half a mile from Dando in Fulham.

Yet nobody, except perhaps George, still has any idea what motivated him to a crime on April 26 1999 that horrified and astonished the country in equal measure.

Sentencing him to life illness. imprisonment, Mr. Justice Gage said the shooting of Dando, 37, was not an "on-thespur-of-the-moment" act, and thing, said he hoped the trial described George, who lived at would be a "milestone" that 2b Crookham Road, as "unpredictable and dangerous".

There can be no doubt that her death. it was premeditated and involved some planning," the may never be known. It is The real reason we are here is probable you yourself can give because we have all lost an no rational explanation.

"What you did deprived family and friends of a much-loved and popular personality. During the time she was in the public eye, she had done much Crimewatch, said he felt sorry good and brought pleasure to a great number of people."

George was an obsessive with an interest in celebrities and

had previous convictions, bring Jill back to life." including one for attempted rape, and a long history of stalking women in his neighbourhood.

They were not told that the police found photographs of ticularly for Detective Supermore than 400 women in intendent Hamish Campbell his ground-floor flat, or that who led the inquiry. It took his he had compiled lists of ad- team a year to identify George dresses and number plates of · as a suspect, after months of women he observed - includ- checking out false leads and ing Diana, Princess of Wales.

In early 1983 he was found hiding in the grounds of Kensington Palace, wearing a gas stantial, but the prosecution mask and carrying a length of said the strands, when pulled rope and a knife.

One psychiatrist who exam- a compelling case. ined him before the trial con-

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"psychotic", yet he has never been diagnosed with a mental

Outside the court yesterday, Dando's former fiance, consultant gynaecologist Alan Farwould help her family and friends to come to terms with

extraordinary person whom we deeply admired and loved," he said.

Nick Ross, Dando's co-presenter on the BBC programme for George.

"He represents a continuing attempted rape. The jury had been told that danger to the public, but I wish him a long, happy and fulfilling life and my heartfelt good wishes go out to his fam-They did not know that he ily," he said. "Nothing can

> Dando's brother, Nigel, said: "I have no feelings about Barry

> The conviction was a triumph for Scotland Yard, paroutlandish theories.

The evidence presented to court was entirely circumtogether, could be weaved into

The court heard that George cluded that he was probably was an obsessive who had an justice was not seen today."

"exaggerated interest" in famous people and the BBC - for which he was once a messenger.

He adopted the names of people he admired, including Thomas Palmer, an SAS soldier, and Barry Bulsara, the birth name of the late Freddie Mercury, lead singer of the rock group Queen.

When he was interviewed by police for the murder he claimed to have had no access to firearms since serving with the Territorial Army in the early 1980s, but this proved to

George had learned to fire a pistol while a member of a gun club and had owned three guns, including a blank-firing pistol which had been modified.

The gun used to kill Dando was modified.

A number of witnesses saw a man resembling George near Dando's home in Gowan Avenue, and one positively identified him.

A few days after the shooting, George told a friend: 'I was there, you know."

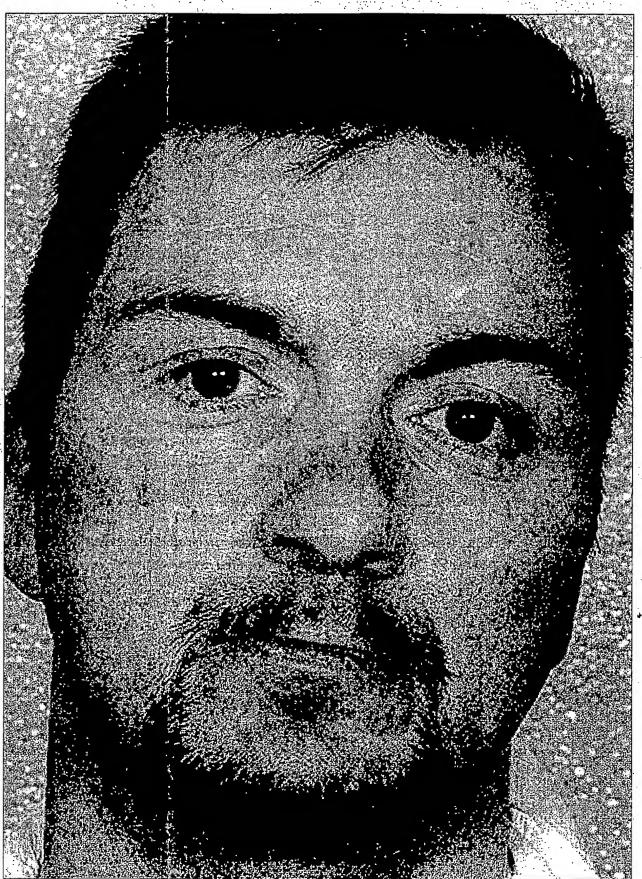
"We are not here because of Perhaps most importantly, a a misguided individual who so microscopic particle of firejudge said. "Why you did it cruelly took someone's life, arms residue, similar to those discovered on strands of Dando's hair, was found in George's coat pocket.

After the verdict, Det Supt Campbell addressed the court, telling the jury that George had previous convictions for indecent assault, impersonating a police officer and

Later, he admitted that George's motive was still a mystery. "It may have been anger, it may have been frustration," he said.

George's local health authority last night said it had known about him for 15 years. It has decided to launch an independent inquiry to see whether more could have been done to help him. A review of his case notes has already been done. It found "no evidence to suggest that he presented a risk to staff or the public, or that it could have been predicted that he would commit such a serious crime".

Lawyers for George will almost certainly appeal. His sister, Michelle Diskin, insisted he was innocent. "He was never responsible for it," she said. "There will be an appeal;



A police photo of Barry George, convicted yesterday by a 10-1 majority verdict of the murder of Jill Dando in 1999

# After 31 hours, the jury comes back: he's

#### Nick Hopkins

After more than 31 hours of deliberations, the 11 jurors had still not reached a verdict by 4pm yesterday. Horribly split, lawyers for both sides thought. The police agreed.

There was only one word ringing around the hot and musty Victorian hall outside court one of the Old Bailey — retrial.

Then, less than half an hour before the end of the court day, a tannoy announced: "All parties in George to court one."

For once, the court staff said nothing as everybody pushed in.

The court clock said 4.22 as George was led into the

It is said that jurors who acquit tend to look at the man in the dock as they file into court, as if they want the defendant to know that the ordeal is about to end.

As this jury of six women and five men walked in, their heads were bowed. They shuffled to their benches, seemingly exhausted.

They looked to the elected foreman sitting in the front row and to the bespectacled Mr Justice Gage, on their left. They looked up and down and ahead to the packed public gallery. But they did not look at George.

He stood facing them and the judge, his hands behind his back. His sister, Michelle, gasped loudly as the verdict was announced, but George did not move. He kept his thoughts to himself throughout the 35-day hearing, and again yesterday when the judge explained that there was only one sentence for him life imprisonment.